Narrative Letter Writing Project

Give the letter that you wrote to the advice columnist to a partner for a peer edit using the rubric below. The peer should circle any grammar or format mistakes that he or she finds on your draft. This rubric is also the grading rubric for the assignment.

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|  | 10 POINTS | 6 POINTS | 2 POINTS |
| Quotes | You use three quotes from the text that are exact and precise, and you included the page number with a correct in-text citation. | You included two quotes with in-text citation that were mostly correct, though at least one was missing information or the page number or was inaccurate. | You included one quote and in-text citation, but it lacked context or was confusing. |
| Conflict | It is very clear with whom the character is in conflict, and it is clear what decision the character must make. | It is clear with whom the character is conflict, but the decision that he or she must make is somewhat unclear. | It is unclear exactly what the conflict is about, and there is no reference to making decisions. |
| Emotions | It is clear what the character is feeling, and what his or her thoughts are on the subject. The writer has truly examined all of his or her emotions. | It is mostly clear what the character is feeling, though there may be one or two sentences that are confusing, in which the character’s emotions are vague. | It is unclear what the character is feeling. There are very minimal emotions described. |
| Narrative Style and Language | You write in first person and use the style of the character, his or her word choice, and specific details about the person that makes it sound realistic, like the character wrote this letter. | The first person style sounds like the character, but some of the words are out of sync with his or her personality and style of speech. It sounds realistic most of the time. | The writing does not sound like the character, and there are 4 or more places where the words do not fit the character’s style of speech or are not in first person. |
| Grammar and Letter Format | There is one or two errors including capitalization, letter format, spelling, subject verb agreement or pronoun choice. | There are three or four errors including capitalization, letter format, spelling, subject verb agreement or pronoun choice. | There are five or more errors including capitalization, letter format and spelling and subject verb agreement or pronoun choice |

**Focus on Quotes:** Does the letter include enough scene detail so that the reader understands the significance of the quotes?

What specific details are necessary background/context for quote one?

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What specific details are necessary background/context for quote two?

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What specific details are necessary background/context for quote three?

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**Focus on Conflict:** Are the DIFFERENT DIMENSIONS of the conflict clear? What are the choices that the character has to make?

CHOICES FOR MAN v. MAN

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CHOICES FOR MAN v. SOCIETY

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**Focus on Emotions:** What is the character FEELING and why? How does this conflict impact the character’s state of mind and confidence?

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In addition to making changes based on the peer edit, here is a checklist for your final draft:

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ You write in the FIRST PERSON as your selected character.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ You write in an authentic voice (style and tone).

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ You include background and context about YOUR LIFE.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ You include YOUR SPECIFIC IDEAS AND OPINONS about the CONFLICT

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ You include your CHOICES or OPTIONS of conduct to resolve the CONFLICT.   
\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ All names and places in the story are spelled correctly.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ You use “quotation marks” for all quotes from the play and in text citation

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ There is appropriate capitalization for names and cities etc.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ You followed the letter format and correctly addressed the letter

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Your letter has several paragraphs and a greeting and closing

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ You have correct agreement between subjects and verbs and pronouns and antecedents.